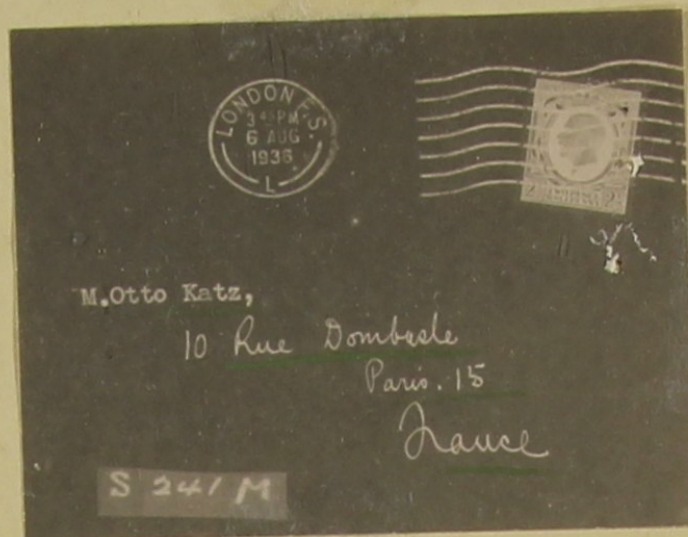


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17 Cleveland Mansions,  
Elgin Avenue,  
London, W.9.  
6.8.36

Dear M. Katz,

My wife and myself wish to thank you for the great trouble and exertion and assistance which you rendered us during the "affaire Barcelona" thanks to which we were enabled to depart in peace and without difficulty. We spent a short time in St. Malo, where my wife finished her holiday with a slight shellfish poisoning and myself with an attack of sunstroke. This of course was a fitting anticlimax.

It took us three hours to reach the frontier and all the "bloodthirsty Reds" were most charming and considerate, even to the extent of washing all the insignia off my car and substituting the letters C N T instead. Incidentally, we had to get another pass from the C N T- again without the slightest difficulty.

I trust that you managed to get away soon after us and with safety and would like to hear from you to know that both yourself and your wife are well. We left very early in the morning, as we were informed that the Anarchists were coming again to requisition the car during the day; so we took no chances.

I have contacted today with a number of people connected with the C.P. and have been referred to someone else and have been busily engaged in controverting the absurd hallucinations published by your popular press, under the

S 241 M



fond, but mistaken belief that it is news.

Incidentally the other lot of news was quietly suppressed as advised.

RECORDED

I am writing to ~~Alfredo~~ to thank him for his kindness and also sending him a further donation towards the funds.

I received a surprising number of letters from different parts of Gt Britain and France from people who heard the broadcast, and have spent a considerable time answering them. Do you know whether the American boys got away safely ??

My wife joins with me in saying that we <sup>hope</sup> that when you are next in London, that you will let us have the pleasure of your company for an hour or two, since we know how very much your time is taken up with much more important matters than social visits.

Until then, the very best wishes of us both to both of you.

Sincerely,

PF 45261

E J BURFORD

If you are in correspondence with Herr Alfredo, will you thank him for the trouble he took over us. I do not know his name, otherwise I would write direct.

E J B

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PF. 41664

**CROSS-REFERENCE.****Subject:—**KATZ, Otto

4.8.36.

S.B. report 320/FGN/439, re arrival in U.K. of Andre Henri ANDRE, to support an appeal to secure the release of his brother, Edgar ANDRE, now facing death sentence in Germany, stated that on the evening of ANDRE's arrival, he was in company with Otto KATZ.

**Original in**

R.List 451(95) ANDRE (48a)

**dated**

4.8.36.

F.H.M.

7.8.36.

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PF.41664/DS9.

31st July 1936.

Dear Mr Canning,

We have been informed that Otto KATZ, the Czechoslovak communist who is well known to you, has been granted permission to pay a short visit to England, and will arrive vis Calais-Dover on August 4th.

I should be most grateful if you could arrange for observation to be kept on him while he is here, in order to ascertain where he stays and whom he meets.

It is understood that KATZ himself attaches a good deal of importance to this visit, and we are anxious to know what he does while he is here.

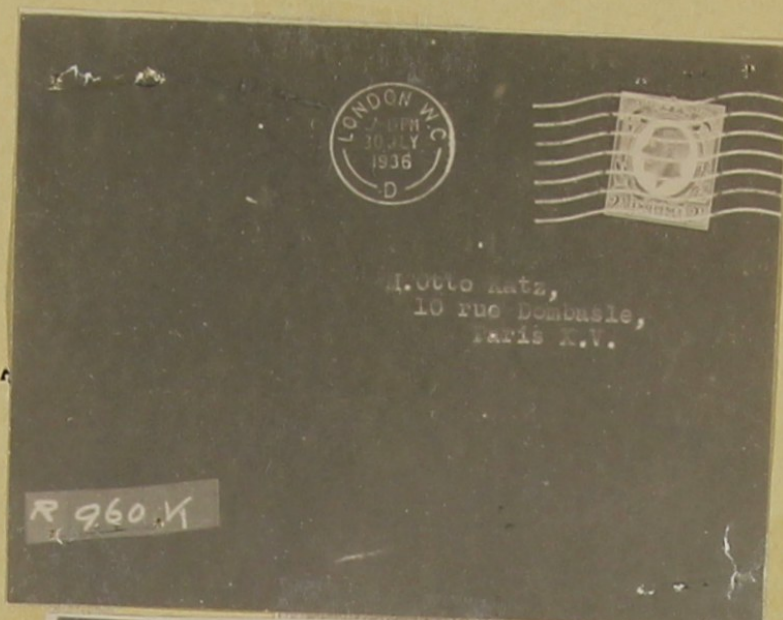
Yours sincerely,

W. A. A.

Superintendent A. Canning, M.B.E.,  
Special Branch.



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July 30.

Dear Otto,

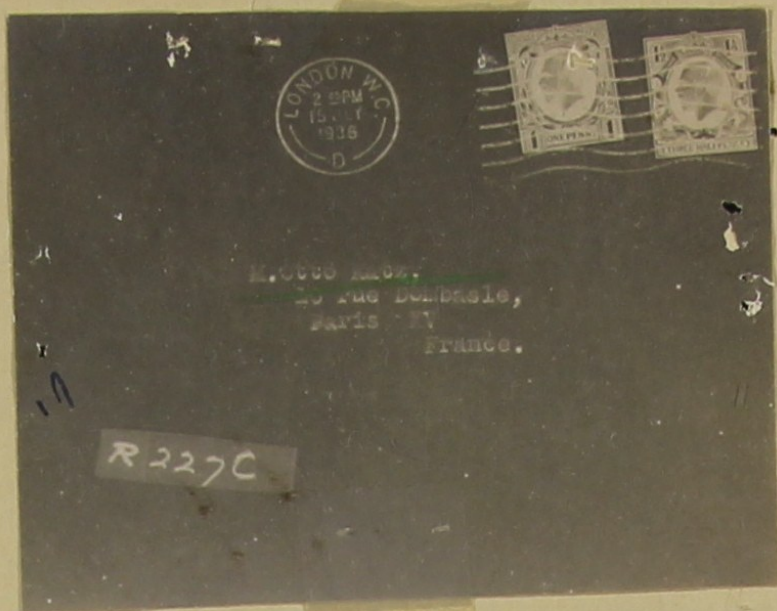
Thanks for your letter. I have informed the Home Office that you are coming on August 4th via Calais Dover. I shall not be in London on the 4th when you come. I shall be in the country, where my telephone number is PENN 224 ~~xxx~~ if you will phone me there I will arrange to come up on Wednesday as I should like to have some talk with you about what is happening in Spain. I am staying in the country the whole of the time unless there is anything very urgent in which case of course I could arrange to come up. In any case I can see you on the 5th or whichever date following suits you. I am looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*

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July 15th.

Dear Otto,

I enclose herewith the Minister's letter which you had better keep with you when you do arrive - and if you knew the trouble it had been to get! However if you are a "Good Ad" this time we may be able to get you removed from the black list. Let me know as soon as you can when you are coming, as if Geoffrey Lloyd is away it might be difficult. Do not expect that you can come for Bank Holiday week end and find anybody here. Bank Holiday week end is the 1st week end in August. But any way fit it in to suit yourself but let me know in good time.

Love to Elsa,

*Fuller*

R 227C

K.694. 14th July 1936.

*Dear Miss Wilkinson,*

In reply to your recent letter about Mr. Katz. I am writing to say that if you will let us know the proposed date and place of his arrival instructions will be given that he be allowed to land for ten days to attend to private business.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
GEOFFREY LLOYD

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
S.W. 1.

R 227C

*W.T.O.  
July 1936*



Route GOVT. Serial No. 12. No. of words 12. Copied by  
1292. 16.7.3

From ELLEN HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON.

To KATZ 10 RUE DOMBASLE PARIS.

Date 14.7.36.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

MR 41664

PERMISSION 10 DAYS WIRE DATE ARRIVAL.

ELLEN.

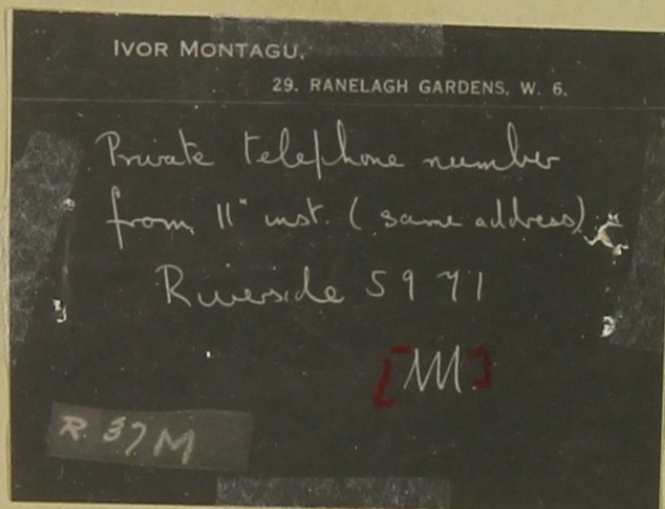
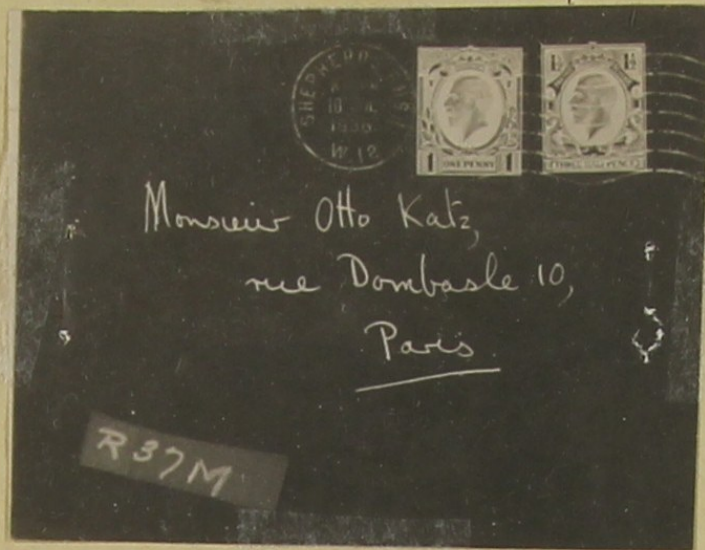
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1. ~~Captain Liddell~~ may be to see

2. PA.  
Liddell  
20/7

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22/7/36



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28/7/36



*copy to Mr. 44/2/3*  
*copy to Mr. 44/2/3*  
*11/7/36*  
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*107b*  
 D.S.S.

I attach a copy of a letter in photostat to Otto KATZ, whose frequent admission to this country has long been the subject of controversy between ourselves and the Home Office. The writer is [Ellen WILKINSON.]

I also attach the relevant extract from Hansard, page 1405.

I presume Mr. Lloyd intended to imply that people are not refused admission to come here merely on the fact that they hold certain political or religious beliefs, but that if the Government had information that they were coming here for some purpose that might be subversive, they would be refused admission. On the other hand, I rather doubt whether he is right in saying that during the course of interrogation aliens are not asked whether they are members of a Communist Party. Possibly no direct question is put, but this information is frequently extracted from them by some means or other.

I think it would be of interest to know exactly what the Home Office consider to be the limits of discretion in this matter allowed to their Immigration Officers and to Special Branch.

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You will see from [Ellen WILKINSON's] letter that KATZ will again be applying to come to this country, ostensibly on publishing business, and Ellen WILKINSON thinks she may just be able to get his application through. While we do not know the specific reason for his visit, the attache note shows that he is still active in connection with the Workers International Relief and Willi MUNZENBERG. There is a circular against KATZ, but whenever he applies he always seems able to obtain permission to visit the country for a limited period. I have flagged, at 107b in PF.41664, Vol.2, a note which I put up to the Home Office on a previous occasion and which provides convincing evidence of KATZ's undesirable associations. It is quite probable that we shall be asked by the Home Office whether KATZ engaged in any political activities during his last visit. We should be forced to reply that we have no information on this point. Actually it is very difficult to deal with people of this sort, and the most we can find out, unless we can pick up anything by correspondence, is that they visit Party members or other individuals connected with the United Front policy of the Comintern.

It would probably be a waste of time to press in the present instance for the refusal to KATZ of permission to land, but I think Home Office ought to see Ellen WILKINSON's letter and know our views.

*Exchanged  
in H.O. Com*  
 S.8  
 26.6.36.



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Otto KATZ, a Czechoslovakian subject, has been known to us for many years as a communist leader of considerable standing, and the right-hand man of Willi MUNZENBERG, the principal Comintern agent in Western Europe, for whose correspondence from this country he acts as cover. KATZ has had a long and active connection both with the League against Imperialism and the Workers International Relief, and on his visits to this country has always got into touch with leading communists here, almost certainly bringing them instructions.

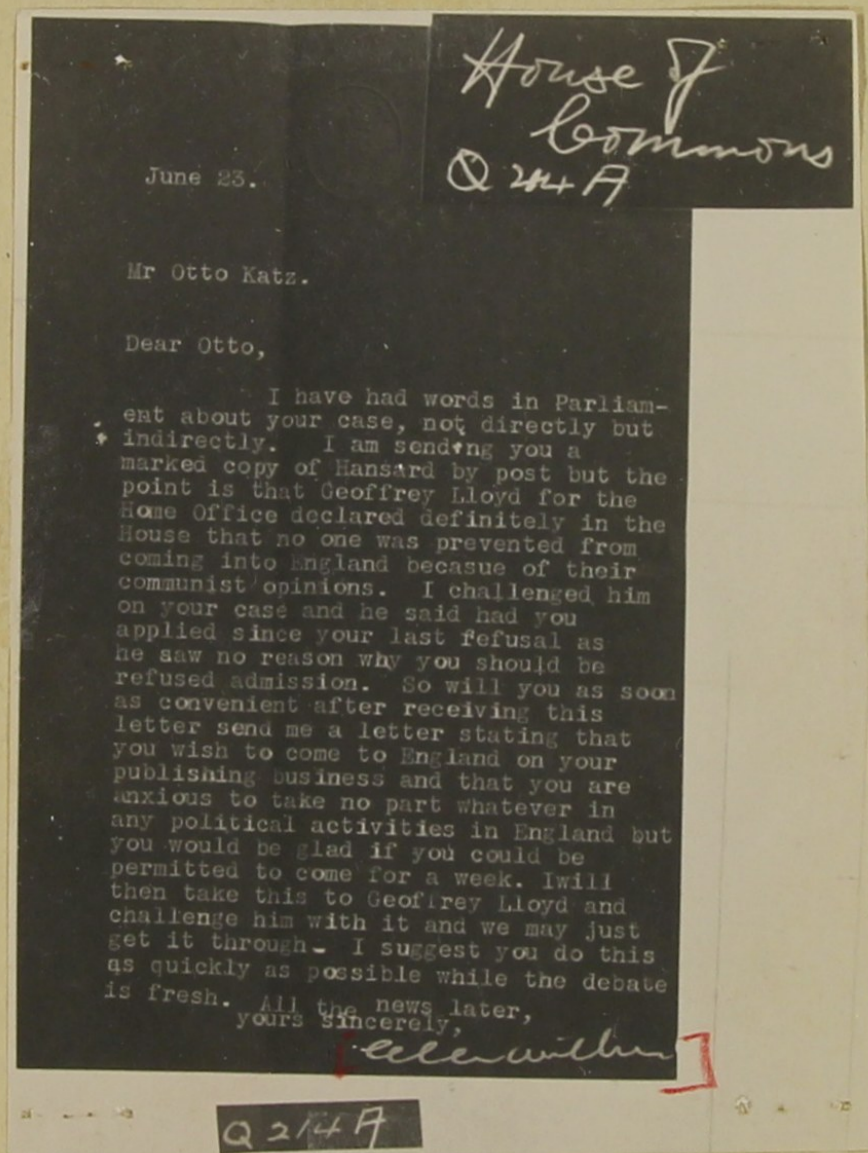
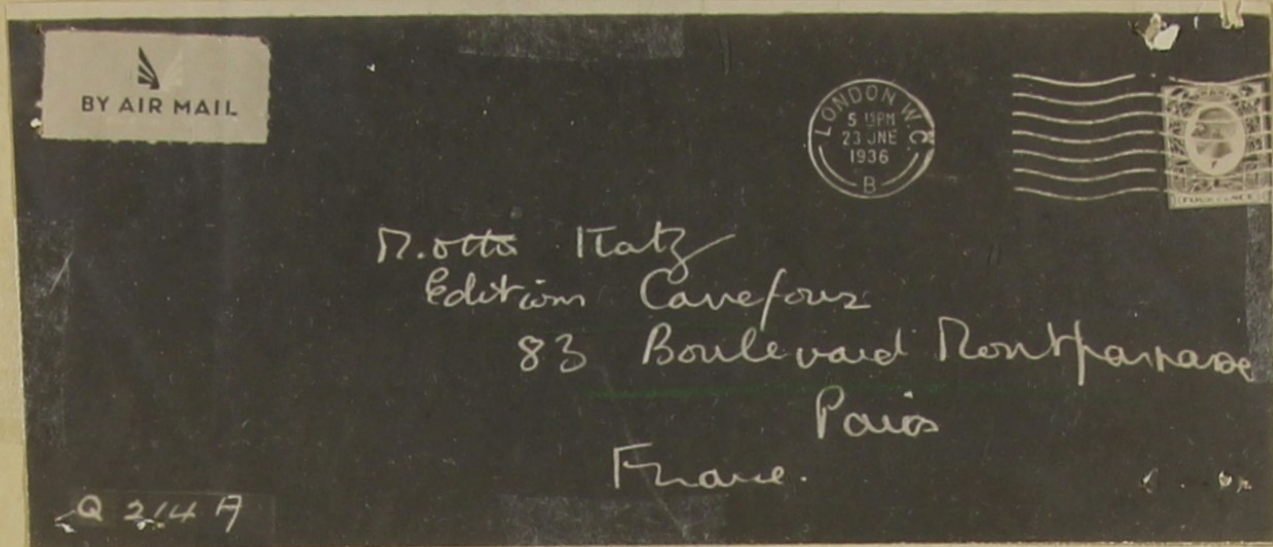
We have evidence indicating that MUNZENBERG considers his visits here to be of great importance, so much so that as the ostensible reasons for them are rather unconvincing, it is arranged that some influential person with no overt communist connection shall make application on his behalf. KATZ is still the subject of Home Office exclusion circular No. SC.8455.

Our most recent information all confirms that KATZ maintains his close connection with MUNZENBERG, and is particularly concerned with the activities of the German Relief Committee here. He has also been in touch with Max HODANN, the communist and Soviet espionage agent.

25.6.36.



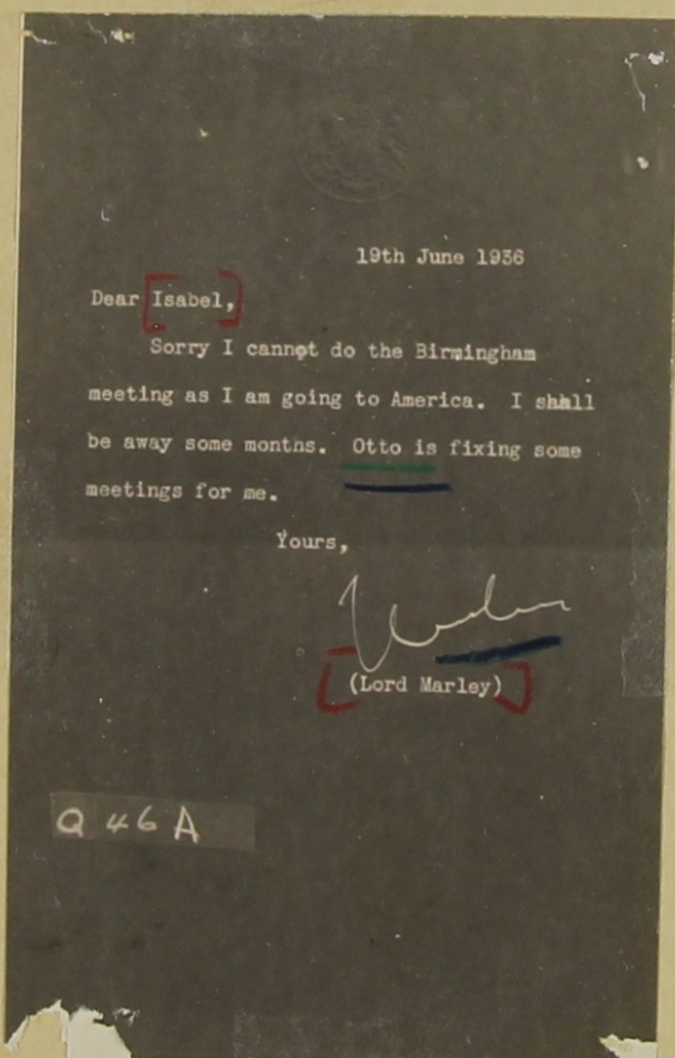
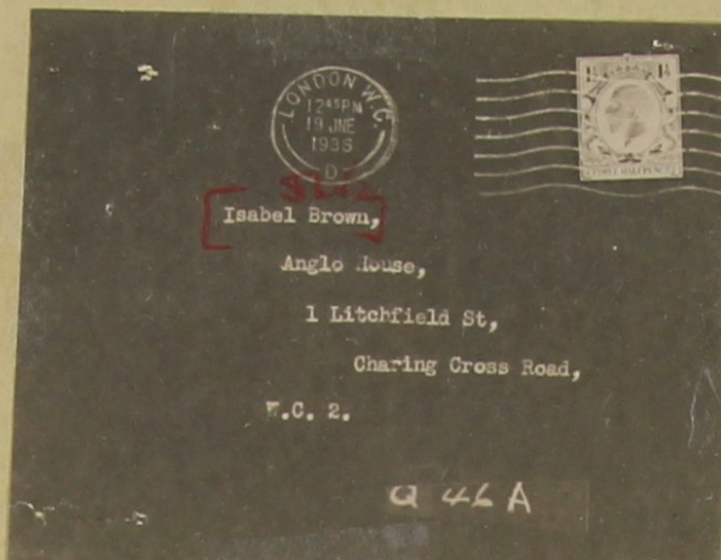
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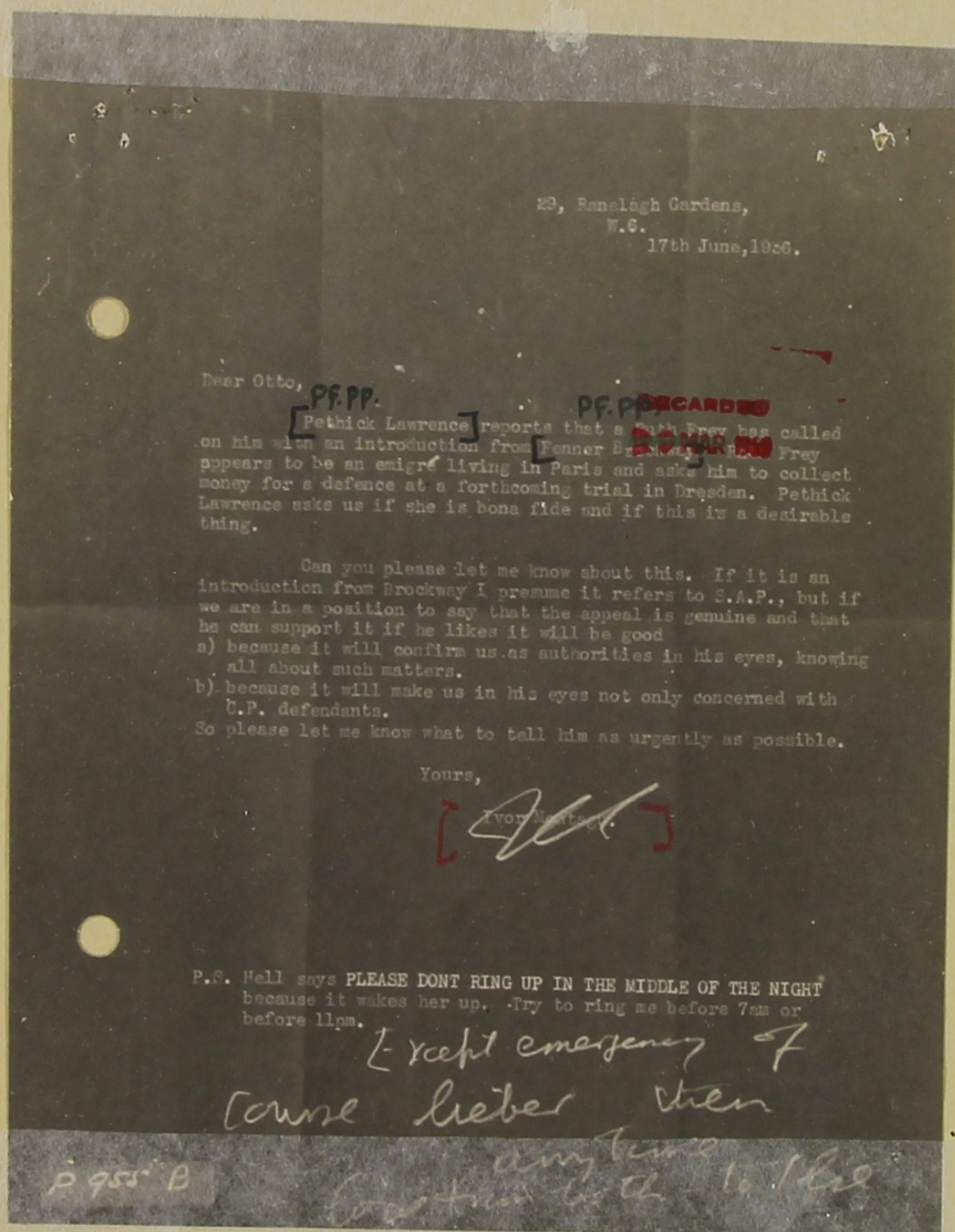
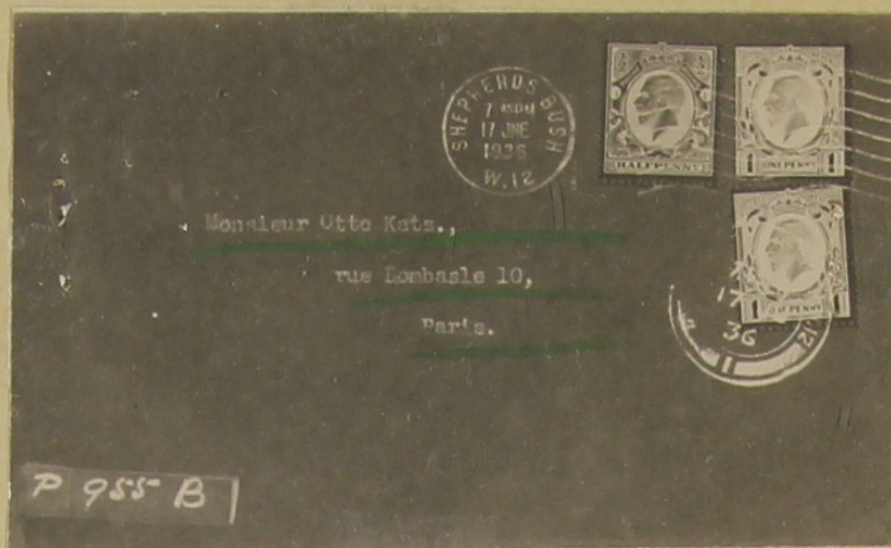


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P.F. 41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** Otto KATZ.

6.6.36.

In an intercepted to Isabel BROWN Babett  
GROSS states that Otto has been in France since  
Thursday.

**Original in** S.F. 427/1 Vol. 8... 342ay... **dated** 6.6.36.....

S.A.T. 22.6.36.

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P.F. 41664.

CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— KATZ.

28.2.36.        The information was sent to the Home Office that Ruth MEYER had been in touch with KATZ about a plan (which proved impracticable) for her to emigrate to the Soviet Jewish settlement, Brio-Bidjan.

Original in..... P.F.R. 4274 ROSTOWSKY. 27a. ....dated..... 28.2.36. ✓ DM 29/2/36

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PF 41664. 178<sup>H</sup>

General Post Office.

15 Jan. 1946.

Mr Cumming.

Re your conversation with Mr Kelsey yesterday  
on the subject of Otto Katz.

Is Otto the "Dear Friend" referred to in the  
\*attached photostat? If so, the question arises whether  
letters addressed to the Comité d'aide Internationale  
are really intended for Otto Katz. Do you know whether  
he holds a position on the Comité, e.g. Secretaryship,  
which would justify taking that view?

*Ch. Brown*

*Miss Beckett* 9

*Spoke G.P.O. (Mr Kelsey) & said  
that we had no real prospects for amount  
that this was for KATZ -  
G.P.O. added that they were  
giving special attention paid to  
the check - made 16/1/36 ✓*

*Letter from  
I. BROWN  
Comité d'Aide Int.  
dated 14.1.36.  
via SCHREINER  
in SF 427/UK/1.*

*18/1/36*



Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

dated 9.1.36.

M.I.5. (Mr. Cumming)

Otto KATZ.

Reference your PF.41664, dated 18.12.35.,  
regarding the sparse results you are obtaining from  
your checks on KATZ' correspondence:

In our of 13.12.35. it was stated  
that KATZ was still residing at 10 rue Dombasle, Paris.

As regards the address Editions Carrefour, 83  
Boulevard Montparnasse, Paris, states  
that this address being that of a publishing firm, in  
which <sup>PF.42178</sup> [Babette GROSS] and consequently <sup>PF.3608</sup> [MUNZENBERG] are in-  
terested, it is probable that Otto KATZ continues to  
use it for correspondence.

for V.V.

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PF.41664/DS9.

18th December 1935.

Dear Major Vivian,

Our check on Otto KATZ at 10 rue Dombasle  
and c/o Editions Carrefour, 83 Boulevard Montparnasse,  
Paris, has lately been yielding very sparse results,  
although in the past it has been quite a useful check.

I wonder if you could verify for us whether KATZ  
is still using these addresses?

Yours sincerely,

*Muse.*

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,  
S.I.S.

*19/12/35*



P.F.41664

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— KATZ, Otto

dated 13.12.35.

S.I.S. report re Iver Arnold MARLOW stated that according to their Representative MARLOW first arrived in France on 5.10.20; he again visited the country on 11.10.35., travelling from London via Newhaven and Dieppe. On this occasion he first stayed at 10 rue Dombasle, Paris, c/o a Doctor of Medicine named NEUMANN. S.I.S. stated that this address is also known as that of Otto KATZ who describes himself as a writer.

Original in P.F.44613 MARLOW 16a .....dated..... as above  
D.W.H.  
10.1.36.

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P.F. 41664 (KATZ)CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— KATZ, Otto.

22.11.35.

In a letter to S.I.S. re Marlow, D.S. 10

says: ".....We could get no clue as to the

identity of this individual until on October 10th.,

you sent us a copy of a wire from the "Daily Worker"

to one Marlow at 10, Rue Dombasle, Paris - the

address of Otto KATZ!.....

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D.S.10.  
22.11.35.

Original in.....S.F. 455/8 vol.7. 413a.....dated...as above.....

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17-12-36B.H-S. 29.11.35.  
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Annual Revision.

How 8629

PF.41664/DS9.

December 1935.

To THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, and all others whom it may concern,

I hereby authorize and require you to detain, open and produce for my inspection all postal packets and telegrams addressed to :—

Otto KATZ,  
10 rue Dombasle,  
Paris, XVe,

and c/o Editions Carrefour,  
83 Boulevard Montparnasse.  
Paris,

or to any name at that or any other address if there is reasonable ground to believe that they are intended for the said

Otto KATZ,

and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

*One of His Majesty's  
Principal Secretaries of State*

This man acts as an intermediary between the Communist agent, Willi MUNZENBERG, and Communists in this country. From time to time valuable information has been received from the warrant which it is desired to retain.



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P.F.41664

## CROSS-REFERENCE.

**Subject:—** KATZ, Otto

Letter to S.I.S. dated 22.10.35 enclosed an analysis of the case of Max HODANN and Lise LINDBAEK. It was stated that HODANN wrote on 6.4.35. to Otto KATZ or Babette GROSSE, asking for an introduction to Lord MARLEY of the German Relief Committee here.

**Original in** P.F.43817 HODANN V.4 161a,162a **dated** 22.10.35.....

D.W.H.  
30.10.35.

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✓S.D.  
1.11.35



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Original filed in  
455/8/D.S.10.

SECRET.

G. P. O. (Captain Booth)

S. 9 have got an H.O.W. on Otto KATZ at 10 rue Dombasle, Paris XVe, and at Editions Carrefour, 83 Boulevard Montparnasse, Paris. I am, myself, very anxious to ascertain the name of an Englishman whom I strongly suspect of receiving correspondence at one of these same addresses.

Could you kindly arrange for a very careful watch to be kept on the addresses, so that in addition to having Otto KATZ's correspondence, we may have a list of letters addressed to other persons there.

(S) K h S.

15.10.35.

✓ 17/10/35



M. Otto Katz,

Edition du Carrefour,

83 Boulevard Montparnasse,  
Paris.

36, ONSLOW GARDENS,  
S.W.7.  
KENSINGTON 6427.

12th October, 1935.

Dear Otto,

I find on reliable authority that the enclosed statement about von Scherpenberg is without foundation in fact. As I hear that an English edition of the Brown Net is shortly appearing in Paris, I hope it will be possible to omit this passage. This was an error which I fear we both must have overlooked, and naturally, now that my attention has been drawn to it, I am anxious that it should not be covered by my introduction. Hoping that you had a successful trip to America,

Yours sincerely,

[*Robt. Distenfeld*]  
PF43457.

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# DAS BRAUNE NETZ.

Page 336.

Im Jahre 1932 geht er (Wesemann) als Journalist nach London. Er hofft - nicht mit Unrecht, wie sich zeigt - dass ueber seine Berliner Abenteuer Gras gewachsen ist und dass seine argentinischen Heldentaten in Europa noch nicht bekannt geworden sind. Nach der Ankunft in London stellt er sich sofort auf der Deutschen Botschaft vor. Dort arbeitet Legationssekretar Hilger von Scherpenberg, der mit einer Tochter von Hjalmar Schacht verheiratet ist. Der junge Schwiegersohn des deutschen Wirtschaftsministers ist nicht weniger ehrgeizig als sein Schwiegervater. In den jungen Tagen der deutschen Republik war er eifriges Mitglied der Sozialdemokratischen Partei. Als Deutschland "erwachte", "erwachte" auch er, indem er ebenso eifriges Mitglied der Nationalsozialistischen Partei wurde.

Er war es, der im Jahre 1934 den fruheren Genossen Wesemann aufforderte, in den Dienst des III. Reiches zu treten. Es muesse ja nicht gerade oeffentlich sein, auf einen "Maerzgefallenen" mehr legten die Berliner Herren gar keinen Wert. Viel besser sei es, wenn Wesemann als Emigrant getarnt bliebe. Eine solche Arbeit koenne sehr verdienstvoll sein. Wesemann verstand. Er verachtete Geld nicht, woher es auch kam.

Er schlug in die Hand des Hitler-Diplomaten ein. Der verstaendigte Berlin von der neuen wertvollen Errungenschaft. Wesemann selber berichtete von nun an staendig nach Berlin - an die Gestapo - was er in London und in den Emigrationskreisen an Wissenswertem erfuhr. Im Ausland aber ahnte niemand etwas von Wesemanns neuen Beziehungen: im Gegenteil, in der Oeffentlichkeit blieb er ein lauter und ueberzeugter "Kampfgenosse" der hitlerfeindlichen Emigration.

Die Deutsche Botschaft in London foerderte den neuen Gestapo-Mitarbeiter, so weit sie konnte. Durch ihre Mittelsmaenner verschaffte sie ihm Verbindung mit verschiedenen englischen Politikern. Von ihr erhielt der "Emigrant" Wesemann im August 1934 einen funkelnagelneuen Pass, der ihn der Sorgen enthob, die sich Emigranten sonst wegen ihrer Papiere machen muessen.

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Translation of Int. B 78 B.

"The Brown Net". Page 336.

"In the year 1932 he ((WESEMANN)) goes to London as a journalist. He hopes - not incorrectly, as is shown - that grass has grown over his Berlin escapades, and that his heroic deeds in the Argentine are not yet known in Europe. Upon his arrival in London, he presents himself immediately at the German Embassy. Here works the Legation Secretary Hilger von SCHERPENBERG, who is married to a daughter of Hjalmar SCHACHT. The young son-in-law of the German minister for Economic Affairs is no less ambitious than his father-in-law. In the young days of the German Republic, he was an enthusiastic member of the Social Democrat Party. When Germany 'awoke', he also 'awoke', becoming an equally enthusiastic member of the National Socialist Party.

It was he, who in 1934 called upon his comrade of earlier times to enter the service of the III. Reich. It was not to be exactly public, the gentlemen in Berlin laid no importance on one more of those 'fallen in March'. It would be far better for WESEMANN to remain known as an emigrant. Such a task would merit excellent repayment. WESEMANN understood. He did not scorn money, wherever it came from.

He joined up with Hitler's diplomatists. Berlin agreed to the new and valuable acquisition. WESEMANN now reported himself regularly to Berlin - to the Gestapo - what he learned of interest in London and in the emigrants' circles. But abroad no one had any idea of WESEMANN's new position: on the contrary, in public he remained a convinced 'fighting comrade' among the refugees, enemies of Hitler.

The German Embassy in London made as much use of the new 'Gestapo' worker as possible. By means of their go-betweens they got him introductions to the different English politicians. From it the 'emigrant' WESEMANN received a brand-new passport in August 1934, which saved him the difficulties which the refugees usually have with their papers."

AW 14/10/35.

Copied in P.R. 43895. ((WESEMANN))



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This has been  
shown by JSC  
to Sir Russell Scott

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P.F.41664 KATZ.CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** Otto KATZ.

Photostat of int. letter (All4M), from Nico ROST, Brussels to  
Leo LANIA, London.

Wrote to Leo LANIA about the publication of  
histtwo novels. If the publishers have the 'rights'  
KATZ is to insert the condition that he (the writer)  
translates the book.

**Original in**...O.F....11/1, vol 3, 190a.....**dated**...21.9.35.....

A.W. 27.9.35.

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Original in:-  
427/UK/1/DS9.

17th September 1935.

Dear Norton,

In continuation of my letter PF.41664/DS9 of the 4th July, 1935, regarding the proposed Commission of Enquiry into the fate of German anti-Fascists, you may care to know that our latest information is to the effect that the idea is falling rather flat.

It seems that upon examination of the material regarding individual cases those responsible for the Commission are of the opinion that concrete proof of governmental implication is impossible, with the result that they consider that the holding of a public session must be postponed.

Yours sincerely,

ORL.

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

C.J.Norton Esq., C.M.G.,  
Foreign Office.

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P.F.41664

## CROSS-REFERENCE.

**Subject:—** KATZ, Otto

Intercept No.Y.528.C dated 19.8.35. from Leo LANIA to Otto KATZ, 10 Rue Dembasle, Paris.

Katz is taking an interest in a novel which LANIA has written. Katz has evidently spoken about it to SABATTE in Strasburg. Lania wants to discuss with Katz in Paris how this novel can best be advertised and exploited in different countries. LANIA is evidently on intimate terms with Katz (Du)

Original in O.F.11/1 Vol.3 (183a).....dated.....19.8.35.....

D.W.H.  
30.8.35.

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Route GOVT. Serial No. 1142. No. of words 15. Copied by 23.7.35.

From <sup>PF43457.</sup> [BILL] KENSINGTON LONDON.

To KATZ 10 RUE DOMBASLE PARIS.

Date 20.7.35.

No.

ACCEPT ON CONDITION MY PREFACE OMITTED FROM ENGLISH EDITION.

BILL.

1) ~~STO~~ <sup>W. H. B.</sup> 26/7/35.

2) PA.

W. H. B. 26/7/35.

"Bill" -  
The Earl of Listowel  
PF 43457 also.

Possibly the "English Edition" refers to the English version of "Spanish October"

of 14/8, Vol. 2, 119A, 119B, 123A etc.  
but the introduction to the French edition was by BARBAST  
1935.  
24/7/35.



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PF.42664/DS9.

4th July 1935.

Dear Norton,

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On 2nd May we sent you some information about a proposed commission of enquiry into the fate of German anti-fascists. [Active preparations are being made to hold this commission in London on 10th and 11th July.

P.F. 41856

The participation of [Denis PRITT] K.C., (who, as you remember was prominent in the commission on the Reichstag Fire) has been secured, and a second King's Counsel and other prominent persons including Lord Listowel, Mr Vyvyan Adams, M.P., Mr Seymour Cocks, M.P., and Mrs Cecil Chesterton have been approached.]

Yours sincerely,

GTM

C.J.Norton, Esq., C.M.G.,  
Foreign Office.



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Extract from H.O. file K694 (KATZ)

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Minutes.

This is ostensibly a visit (5 days) for business purposes but there may be more behind it.

M.I.5.

Have you serious objn. to this visit please?

E.W.E.H.  
1.7.35.

Home Office.

Otto KATZ's business is undoubtedly in connection with the Commission of Enquiry into the fate of German Anti-fascists which was the subject of our letters to you of 2nd May and 1st June. It is hoped to hold the Commission on 10th-11th July.

41856 We understand that the British communist Isabel BROWN has been successful in securing the participation of [Denis PRITT] K.C., ; you will remember that he was one of the prime movers in the Commission of Enquiry into the Reichstag Fire which aroused so much comment at the time. It is hoped to obtain the co-operation of additional King's Counsel and other prominent persons.

M.I.5.  
4.7.35.

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17.6.35. Ellen WILKINSON to Sir J.Simon: asks for KATZ to be allowed 5 day business visit from Monday to Friday any week in the immediate future.



192, SLOANE STREET,  
S.W.1.

19/6/35

Dear Otto,

Ellen rang me up to talk  
about a permit for you -

She claims to have influence  
with S. so I thought she might  
so well approach him, and I asked  
her to do so - She has promised  
to let me know the result.

I think competition will make her  
all the more eager to succeed!

Now for a request - Is it  
possible for you to get me a  
copy of a German paper with

an article by Lloyd George  
describing fascism. It will make

sensation here & I have been  
asked for it by journalists -

A friend of P. Friedlaender's mentioned  
it. I wrote to P.F. about it

but I haven't had a reply -

If you could remind him ~~about it~~

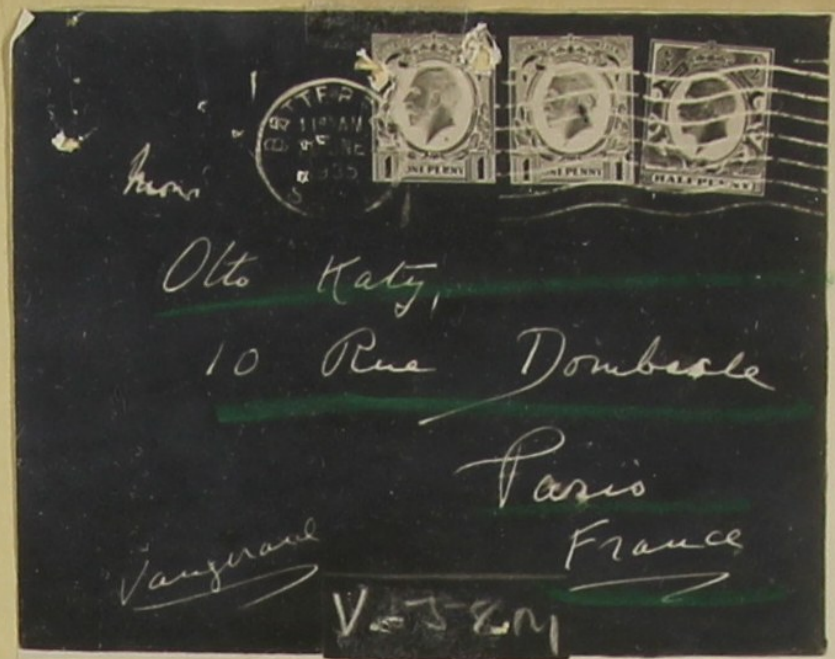
I should be much obliged -

I took poor Sybil Benders' photograph  
& left one with her at the studio.

I will take her to see him &  
also to him as soon as she  
arrives -

I have now offers of hospitality  
for two people but they are  
out for some 2 breakfasts -





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KATL

Sg.

Sam Hunt

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28/6/35

P.A.  
3/4 Gto Katy  
Katy.



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These places (one in in Hampshire  
 the other in Fitchburg Avenue)  
 until the 12<sup>th</sup> July & then she  
 can go for two weeks to  
 Dr. Dr. Franklin - 50 Portland  
 Terrace -

Once she is here it will  
 not be difficult to find her  
 accommodation for August.

I will do all I can to help  
 her to get what she wants  
 on the ship & the films as  
 I am really anxious that she  
 should have a success.

Please talk over the matter

write her & if she decides  
 accept the hospitality  
 please ask her to let me  
 know what day & time  
 she will arrive & I will  
 meet her at the station.

Yours with best wishes  
 MF. 4039  
 [Caroline Gurnett]

MF. 4039

V558 v15 -



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7th June, 1935.

Dear [Princess Bibesco,] L.366/3.

I am sorry to have missed you in London, some friends and myself are very anxious to prepare in two or three weeks a commission of four or five public persons to examine events and witnesses of terrorist attacks against refugees from Germany occurring outside Germany in the various countries in which they have taken refuge. I was hoping that you might have been able to spare the two or three days necessary to be a member of the commission. In case there is any chance, or in case you could not possibly manage it, then in any case to ask your advice, may I ask my colleague Mr Otto Katz who is in Paris to call on you? I am sending him a copy of this letter at the same time asking him to get into touch to find out if he may see you.

Yours,

Ivor Montagu.

The Princess Bibesco.

T947K



Monsieur Katz,  
10 Rue Dombasle,  
Paris. XV,  
France.

V340M

Can you let me have names and addresses of any individuals who have had interviews with Hanfstaengl, or any press cuttings in which he has used the word "swine".

Perhaps you could get from America one or two cuttings of interviews with Hanfstaengl in which he is reported to have used this word. Thompson's address in America, as far as I

know is :+ W.C.Thompson,  
Room 1606,  
20 Pine St,  
New York.

V340M

House of Lords.  
17th June 1935

Dear Otto,

I expect you know that there is a libel action pending against the Daily Express for publishing an interview which Thompson had with Hanfstaengl. This action is said to have behind it the German Govt and it is vital that H. should not win. It is therefore necessary that Thompson should come over and give evidence in person. At first he was willing but now does not want to come, possibly because he does not want to prejudice his position in USA. I feel that he ought to come over and have written to him to say so. But it occurred to me that perhaps you might bring some pressure to bear, either personally or through your contacts in New York. The action takes place in October and the D.Express have offered full expenses, and a complete indemnity for any possible losses resulting from the action either here or in America. If the action is lost it will make impossible any further criticism of individuals in Germany, and therefore the whole British press is interested in the result. I hope you will do what you can.

Yours sincerely,

(Lord Marley)

V340M



29, Ranelagh Gardens,  
Stanford Brook Avenue,  
W.6.  
7th June, 1935.

Dear Otto,

I enclose a copy of a letter to Princess Bibesco. Her  
address is:

45 Quai Bourbon,  
Paris.

Telephone: Odéon Paris 1477

Yours,

Ivor Montagu.

T947K

POST OFFICE  
**EXPRESS**  
DELIVERY

Monsieur Otto Katz,

Editions du Carrefour,

83 Boulevard du Montparnasse,

Paris-8,

France.



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PF.41664/DS9.

1st June 1935.

Dear Holderness,

We wrote to you on 2nd May about Otto KATZ and the proposal for a Commission of Enquiry into the fate of German anti-fascists which was to be held in London shortly.

We now hear that ~~two~~ <sup>DECARDED</sup> of the principal witnesses will be Mrs LESSING <sup>S. MAYER</sup> widow of the scientist, and Otto STRASSER, an important member of the national socialist opposition, who intend to come to this country for the purpose.

A third person, a former high official, has also agreed to give evidence, but his name has not at present been revealed.

We have no particular objection to these people being granted visas, but as the holding of the Commission here and the presence of these people may very possibly arouse a protest from the German authorities, you may perhaps wish to consult with the Foreign Office on the question.

Yours sincerely,

GHC

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.

Sir Ernest Holderness, Bart.,  
Home Office

Copy to SF.424/UK/1





Comite d'aide Internationale.  
Pavilion 17.

65 Boulevard d'Argo.

Paris .. France

T245-C

May 24th. 1935.

Dear Otto,

Thanks for your two letters. In reference to the one from Ellen, we think that you should leave the actual political fight against her line to us here in England. We also feel that while she is quite definitely going more and more to the right, her usefulness for our movement is not yet finished. There are many ways in which she can still be got to help our work. Her relations with the Party people on the Relief work are still very good and we should try to keep that as long as we can. In any reply you make, you should point out that she has always worked well with the communists on the Relief Committee, that you are sure that we have always worked well, that you cannot discuss the political differences there might be with her on the question of war, that the united front arrangements were limited to specific objects... and that as far as Relief work was concerned the communists had always loyally carried out their share of the work and not violated the basis of united work. The aim of your letter should be a little conciliatory (not too much) in order to at any rate neutralise her. These are the considered opinions of our friends as well as myself.

On the other question. I don't think you should start publicity on the matter until after our committee meeting on Monday. I will give you the fullest information immediately after. We have not progressed much with getting individuals here yet. We miss Ivor very much for this work. I hope he will return soon to help us. I think we can count on Listovel helping although he has not yet definitely committed himself. I sent on your letter about his going to America. Maybe this will conflict with it.

It would be good if you could come over. It would help tremendously. About finance. That again we will discuss on Monday. We have very little ourselves. I will propose that we at once start a special fund for this purpose and immediately approach individuals who might be interested. We take for granted that you will find the money for some of the expenses. We would visualise raising sufficient money to meet the organisational costs incurred here.... hall, organising, publicity etc.

Will you let me know if that is also your opinion. There may be a possibility of getting some statements from people here also for the commission. I have asked someone to work on it now. The difficulty is that most people will be unwilling to be publicly mentioned but would make a statement if we did not use their name: We will have to see what kind of material we can get.

Best wishes,

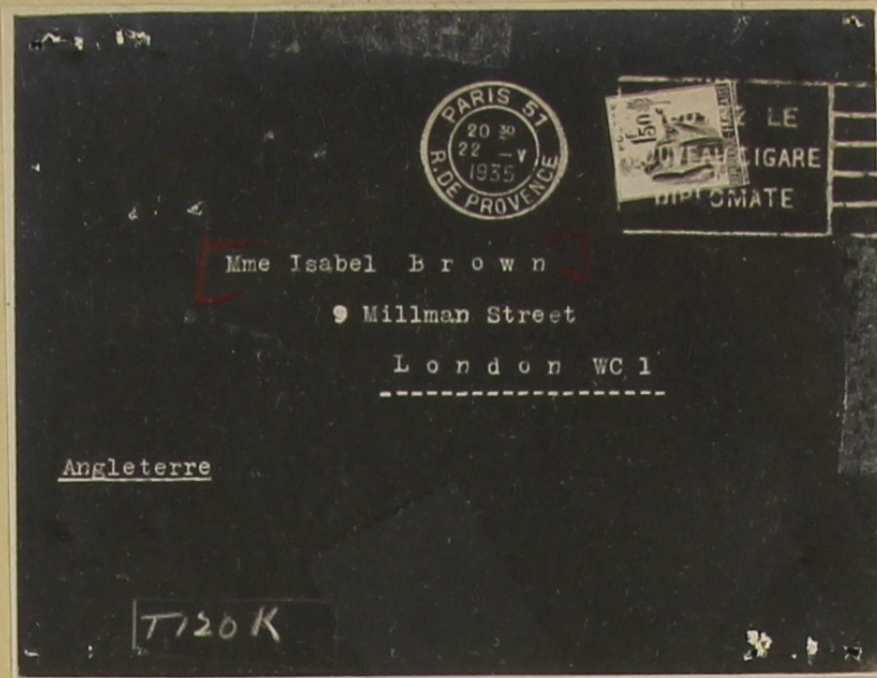
Isabel

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Otto.

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Paris, 22nd May, 1935.

Dear Isabel,

I am glad to inform you that Mrs. Lessing and Otto Strasser, (the brother of the killed Gregor Strasser), chief of the national-socialist opposition, have agreed to come over as witnesses. Mrs. Lessing's appearance will strengthen the importance of the commission, because Professor Lessing was a very wellknown scientist and writer. Otto Strasser's appearance will have a good political effect because of his profound knowledge of the nazi movement. Otto Strasser will give evidence in the Formis case.

I was informed that a third person, a former high official, has also agreed to give evidence. I will let have you the name to-morrow.

Concerning the financing of the commission: Do you think it would be possible to receive the 500 pounds which have been designed for the antifascist exposition in Paris? Or have these people been too deeply disappointed?

My friend think that we should begin at the end of the week with the press campaign for the commission. Could you arrange that I get until Saturday all material, in the first line the names of the members?

Comradely yours,

T120K

Noted in  
SF. 4271  
See also 158



DAILY WORKER

Tuesday, May 21, 1935

# ENEMIES ARE HERE"

## Trade Unions Are Central Target Of The New Nazi Terrorism In Germany

### Labour M.P.s Protest On Nazi Terror

Reports from Berlin indicate that the rising protest here—as yet only beginning—against the new wave of Nazi terror has already begun to disturb the Nazi chiefs.

Here is the resolution placed on the Order paper of the House of Commons by a group of Labour M.P.s which includes Bevan, Cove, Maxton, David Grenfell, Edward Williams, Thomas Williams, Lunn, Charles Brown and Tom Smith:—

"That this House is of the opinion that steps should be taken by His Majesty's Government to bring to the notice of the German Government the feelings of repugnance caused by the mass-terror now prevailing in Germany, involving as it does the secret arrest and imprisonment of workers, their confinement in concentration camps, the use of torture to extract confessions, the beating and mutilation of helpless prisoners, and the semi-judicial execution of persons in the charge of the German Government; furthermore, that His Majesty's Government should inform the German Government that this condition of affairs in Germany has an unfortunate influence upon the cordial relations which it is desirable should exist between Germany and Great Britain."

(See Page Two for latest details of the new terror campaign.)

WITH men and women taking their lives in their hands to send more news out of Germany regarding the new terror campaign opened by the Nazis in their desperate effort to fight back the rising opposition of the German workers, it is possible now to get a picture of the main direction of their attack.

The attack is being directed primarily against the trade union organisations which painfully, but with a sureness that spells for the Nazis' doom, are being built up in Germany by the revolutionary workers after the pre-Hitler trade unions had been smashed to bits by the Nazis.

The Nazis at the outset believed they had really destroyed trade unionism. For it they substituted the "Labour Front"—a typical Fascist scheme for tying up the workers hand and foot to the wheels of big business.

Even the bourgeois correspondent of the London "Times" has recently admitted that the Labour Front no longer cuts any ice at all with the German workers.

That is why the latest attack is being particularly directed against the illegal trade unions now being built up, and against the men who have been building them.

For instance:—

Nazi authorities report the "suicide" at Esterwege concentration camp, Westphalia, of Herr Husemann, an old leader of the German miners' union and former president of the International Miners' Federation.

Behind this announcement lies not only another instance of the new Nazi terror wave, but a revelation of the extraordinary measures used by the Labour Front to force propagandists into its service.

Before Hitler came to power, Husemann was a reformist leader of the extreme Right wing. "With Leipart, he was one of those who expressed readiness to collaborate with the Nazis, after March, 1933. But their services were then rejected.

Since May, 1933, Husemann had retired from political and trade union activities.

A few months ago, the Labour Front, pressed by the difficult economic position of Fascism and the discontent among the miners, approached Husemann with the proposal that he should become a propaganda speaker for the Nazis and particularly their militarist policy.

But this time Husemann refused. The sequel was his arrest and removal to the concentration camp.

And now—"suicide."

"MARXIST agitators are at work in the Labour Front," declared Nazis at Dusseldorf.

"We shall sweep them out with an iron broom." In pursuance of this principle, a new wave of arrests has set in, with the aid of the State Secret Police of Hamburg and Berlin, in Dusseldorf, Hagen, Opladen, Solingen, Munich-Gladbach and Vellert.

In Dusseldorf, 11 tramwaymen have been arrested.

The State Secret Police entered the Bemberg factory and arrested 46 men at their machines, so that even the management objected, as their best workers were being taken away.

The arrested men were, however, only permitted to work until the end of the shift. When the relief shift came in other workers were arrested from among them.

The victims include a number of former Social-Democrats, worker sportsmen and youths.

The "Chasseur Corps," known by the nickname of the "White Mice," who arrested the workers, employed tortures throwing the methods of the Middle Ages entirely in the shade.

One hundred and thirty-eight arrests have been made in Vellert. Among those arrested are a number of workers accused of taking part in the re-building of the trade union movement. The authorities have not even shrunk from arresting two war-disabled men without legs, moving only with the aid of wheeled chairs.

In one factory the police arrested a Nazi leader because he was said to have given a contribution in aid of the political prisoners.

The greater part of the arrested persons have been taken to the prisons at Bendal and Elberfeld.

The Bendal prison, accommodating 500 prisoners under normal conditions, is now crowded with 2,000 political prisoners. All the common criminals have been taken away to make room for political prisoners.

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DAILY WORKER

Thursday, May 23, 1935

## Found Innocent But Kept In Prison

NEWS has just reached the DAILY WORKER of the details of the tragic case of Else and Erich Steinfurth, two of the most recent victims of the Nazi terror. This case has hardly been exceeded in its open and insolent horror.

Erich Steinfurth was one of the men whom the Fascists hated most bitterly. He was a member of the executive of the Labour Defence, and his time and energies were devoted to working to help the many class-war prisoners who filled Germany's prisons even before Hitler came to power.

His position as a member of the Prussian Diet gave him the right of access to prisons, and he had full knowledge of the terrible conditions of the workers who were inside them.

When the Nazis came to power one of their first concerns was to secure his arrest. He was hunted from place to place, never daring to stop for any length of time in one house. Finally he was arrested in the house of his father-in-law.

He was taken to the Sonnenburg concentration camp, where his courage won the affection of all his fellow-prisoners, and even forced an unwilling respect from the camp authorities.

In January, 1934, he was suddenly taken away from Sonnenburg to an unknown destination in Berlin. A few days later his body was found on the road between Berlin and Potsdam.

The Nazis announced that Steinfurth, John Schur, Rudolf Schwartz and Eugen Schoenhaar had been shot "while attempting to escape."

When Erich Steinfurth was arrested, Else, his wife, had done everything possible to secure his release.

So a few months before his murder she was arrested on a charge of sedition, for nearly a year and a half she was kept in prison, while the Nazis were trying to concoct a case against her.

At last, on May 4 of this year, she was brought for trial. No serious evidence was given against her, and the judge himself was forced to admit in his summing up that there was no proof of her having carried on any seditious activities.

On the ground that she might have carried on such activities, she was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. As she had already been 18 months on remand she should have been released.

The Nazis, however, refused to give up their prey. She was at once re-arrested and taken into "preventive custody" for an indefinite period "at the discretion of the secret police."

She is still in prison. It is known that she is seriously ill owing to her long imprisonment and the shock of her husband's death. And she is admitted by the Nazis to be innocent.

Yet when a delegation of French doctors, who had been attending the International Medical Congress recently held in Berlin, asked to be allowed to visit her, this was refused.

Unless she is released shortly there is a real possibility of her life being in danger.

T 245 C



ss Sissmore.

Capt. Liddell brought this in,  
and said that as we have already  
told the H.O. that 'someone whose  
word might carry a certain amount  
of weight' may put in a word on  
KATZ's behalf, he does not think  
any action need be taken on this.

M.E.D.C.  
8.5.35.

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K.M.M.S.

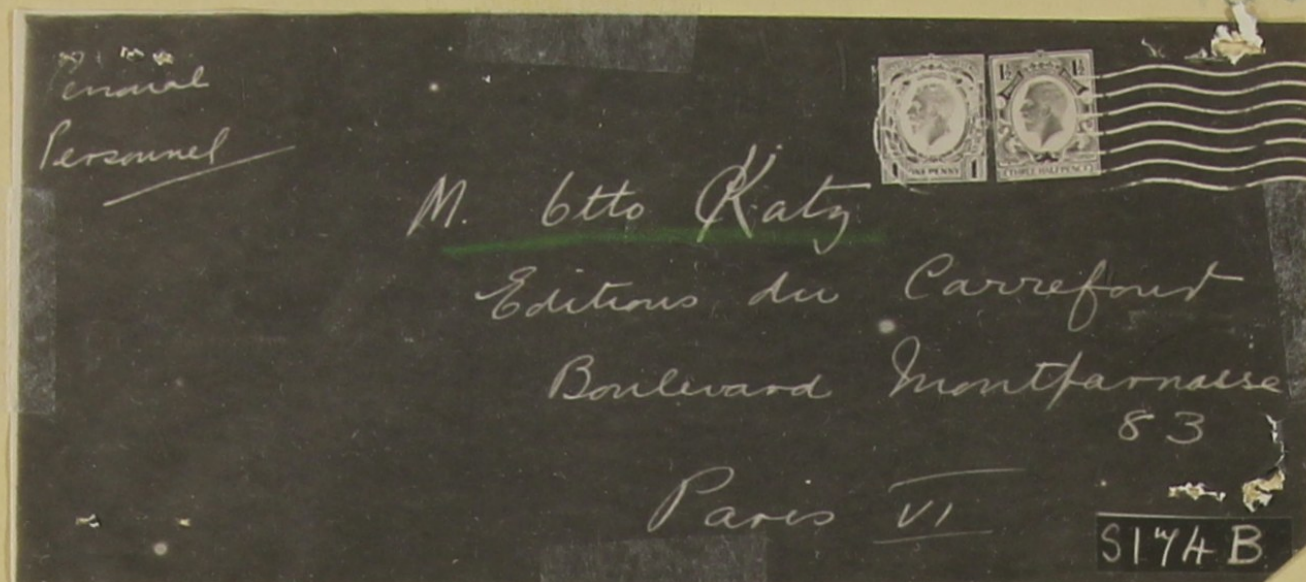
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1 Jan 1935

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H.M.S.

13/5/35





J. HALLWORTH | GENERAL SECRETARIES.  
W. A. ROBINSON

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FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.

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No. 296.

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LONDON DIVISIONAL OFFICER:  
P. C. SALMON.

LONDON DIVISION

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

4, ENDSLEIGH GARDENS,  
UPPER WOBURN PLACE,  
W.C.1.

TELEPHONE: MUSEUM 6901-2 (2 LINES).  
TELEGRAMS:  
"NUDAWN, WESTCENT, LONDON."

Dear bttto,

Forgive my not typing this letter. After a fortnight's absence from London I have overwhelmed my secretary. I couldn't answer your letter<sup>earlier</sup> because I only got them both when I returned to London to-day.

Re. [Neumann] PF 41339 I have got on to Henderson's secretary as Henderson is away till the weekend. I have made an appointment to see Henderson on Friday about it. Let me know if the situation changes before then, or has changed since you wrote. 5174B



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With regard to your coming over, I will make a formal application to Brookland for a 5 day visit on urgent business affairs if you will

- 1) send me the dates on which you intend to come - & please you must be willing to keep these dates, and
- 2) with understanding that it will not be possible for me to apply for an extension.

I may be able to get it, but it is only about one chance in a hundred.

I cannot come next weekend. I am writing to W.M. to explain. The C.P. is subjecting me to continual vicious personal attacks & even being suggested that my work for the Relief Committee was only for my private gain. So you will see the situation is impossible. I am writing at length to W.M. & you will translate it for him.

S174B



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WILKINSON GENERAL SECRETARIES  
ROBINSON

REGISTERED OFFICE: "OAKLEY," WILMELTON RD.  
FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.

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LONDON DIVISION

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
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4, ENDSLEIGH GARDENS,  
UPPER WOBURN PLACE,  
W.C.1.

*Congratulations on the books. Is the  
Lefthers are going to have an English  
edition. Do you want publicity this end?  
This can only be if ~~you~~ there is to be an  
English edition.*

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*All my loving wishes to Elsie  
She will be glad to be back with you.*

*Yours as usual*

*[Elsie]*

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PF 42136 WILKINSON, Ellen

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C.J.Norton, Esq., C.M.G.,  
Foreign Office, for information.

PF.41664/DS9.

2nd May 1935.

Dear Holderness,

I am writing to you once more about Otto KATZ who is again anxious to come to this country and has approached Miss Ellen WILKINSON asking her to find some influential person "whom the Home Office could not refuse" to support his application.

Since we last wrote to you about KATZ, it has become increasingly evident that he is the personal lieutenant of the important Comintern agent Willi MUNZENBERG, and that the communist Relief Committee for the Victims of German Fascism here is carried on to a large extent under his personal direction.

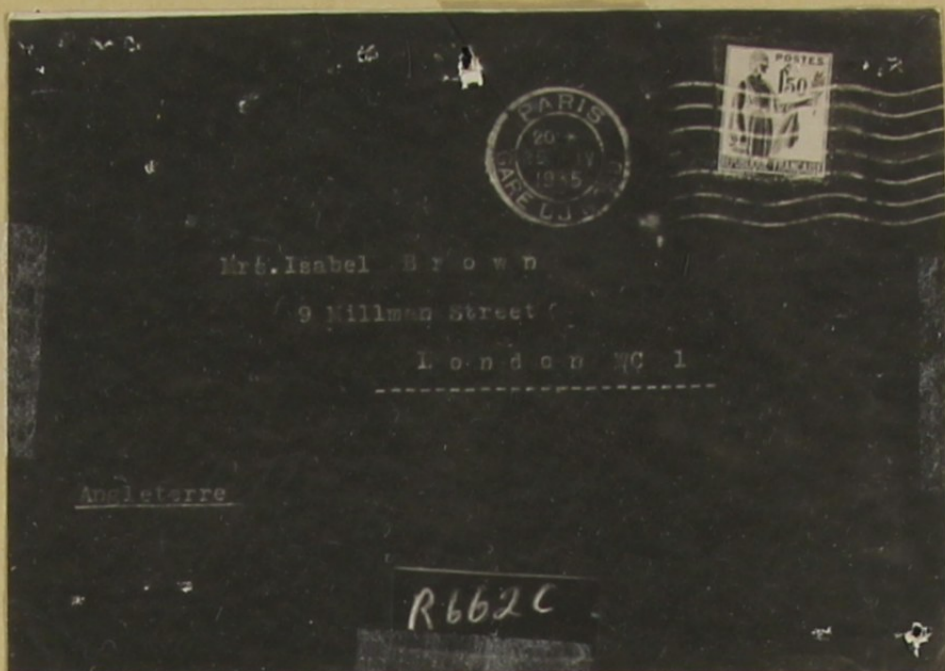
It appears that the object of KATZ's intended visit is to lay before Isabel BROWN of the German Relief Committee a scheme for a new Legal Commission, on the lines of the former Commission of Enquiry into the Reichstag Fire, to be held in London at the end of May. The questions to be dealt with are "Nazi Fememoorders in foreign countries and raptorial of men": we understand this to mean Nazi secret courts and kidnapping. KATZ suggests that witnesses such as Mrs JAKOB shall be brought over, but he is anxious that the Commission itself shall be composed solely of English people.

In view of the misunderstandings created in German official circles by the previous Legal Commission, I thought you should be informed of this new proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell.





Paris, 25th April, 1935

Dear Isabel,

Enclosed you find two letters, one for Lord Marley, one for Ellen, both asking them to help in the case of Heins Neumann who is since five months in Switzerland in prison and having been acquitted can't leave Switzerland because of the refusal of the French government to accord him a transit visa. We have tried everything we could in France, but unfortunately all people of influence are away because of the coming elections. If you agree, please send the letters to Marley and Ellen.

Concerning the question we discussed with you, our friends here have ~~XXXXX~~ had some discussions. They all agreed with our proposals, but it was put forward another proposal which seems to us to be of highest importance. This proposal was to arrange in London for the end of May a conference or a legal commission or a trial or however you would call it, on the questions "Nazi Fememorders in foreign countries" and raptorial of men". We could send over as witnesses: Mrs. Jakob, Mrs. Prof. Lepping, witnesses to the case of Formis and to other cases. We all think that this conference or legal commission would be effective only if it would take place in the end of May. We also think that it should be composed only of English people and if possible that you should arrange in common with the Jakob-Committee formed by Wickham Steed. It is of utmost importance to arrange this conference. You know that Hitler is the enemy of peace Mr. l. ~~xxxxxxx~~ What is your opinion? Will you discuss it with the friends? Who could help to find people of high standing to participate in this commission? Do you think Lawson could do that? The question is that our committee could have a new rise with this commission, and the danger is that if we will not organise it, other people could try to do it. Concerning the financial side, I think that the money could be found in England and that for example these 500 pounds which have been designed for the exposition in Paris, could be mobilised for this purpose.

Concerning the question of As. right most of our friends think that it should be held in August in Brussels, because in this time we have a world exposition in Brussels, the travel fares would be very cheap, s.s.o. We think that it would be more effective in London, but the question is, if you would be able to organise the commission and the as. right conference or only one of both. In this case we would prefer the legal commission.

Please right as quickly as possible because the questions are very urgent.

With comradely greetings,  
Yours,

R662C



Otto Katz  
10, Rue Dumas  
Paris XV

25th April, 1935

Dear Lord Morley,

I was practically half a year away and I am afraid that my first letter after this time is a demand. But the circumstances force me to ask you for your kind help in the following very urgent case:

The former communist deputy Heinz NEUMANN has been arrested at the end of November of last year. The German government demanded his extradition. The Switzerland government declined the extradition, but decided a month ago to expulse him. He can not leave Switzerland, because he has no possibility to cross any other country, although the Soviet Union has accorded him the visa to enter. He can not go through Austria and Polonia because of the danger to be delivered to the German authorities and because of the refusal of a transit visa. The only possible way is to cross France and to embark for Leningrad in a French or Belgian harbour. The French Ministry of the Interior declines to give him a transit visa. We think that an intervention from you with Mr. Herriot would be of the utmost effect. Would you do this for a man who has been in prison since five months and possibly will stay there a very very long time, if France will not accord him a transit visa.

In case you would agree to write a letter to Herriot, please send it over to me, so that it could be given to him personally. His full title is: M. Edouard Herriot, Ministre d'Etat. Because he has been prime minister, French people usually address him: Monsieur le Président.

I greatly hope, Dear Lord Morley, that you will help in this case as you have often done, and I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Paris, 25th April, 1935

Dear Ellen,

I received two letters from Mrs. Simpson, the second announcing me that my help is no longer necessary. All the more necessary is your help in two very urgent questions.

1) The former communist deputy Heinz Neumann has been arrested ~~xxxx~~ at the end of November last year. The German government demanded his extradition. The Switzerland government declined the extradition, but decided a month ago to expulse him. He can't leave Switzerland, because he has no possibility to cross any other country, although the Soviet Union has accorded him the visa to enter. He can't go through Austria and Polonia because of the danger to be delivered to the German authorities and because of the refusal of a transit visa. The only possible way is to cross France and to embark for Leningrad in a French or Belgian ~~xxxx~~ harbour. The French Ministry of Interior declines to give him a transit visa, although the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported his demand. We are sure that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could carry through the question if it could refer to the demand of a very important non-French personality. Do you think that you could persuade your friend Henderson to write a letter to Laval asking him to accord H.N. a transit visa? Would you do this to help a man who is in prison since five months and who possibly will be forced to stay there still a very very long time if France will not accord him a transit visa?

2) This is a personal question. It is highly urgent that I could come over to England. I know all the difficulties, but I think that there must be some people of influence to whom the Home Office could not refuse a corresponding demand. I would not ask you for this if it was not really so very urgent. Will you help?

Ellie is back in Paris. She is still very weak. And you? Would you be so kind to answer to my last letter? I am deeply in work with the books I wrote you about.

I am awaiting your answer with impatience, and am

with kindest regards  
sincerely yours

*OTTO*

R662C



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P.F. 41664CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— KATZ Otto

24.4.35.

Otto KATZ wrote to Isabel BROWN enclosing a copy of the preface's draft for the new armament book, "Hitler's Air Fleet Ready to Start". He asks addressee if he will get in touch with 'Dorothy' and point out the urgency to her of sending back the draft that writer has sent her.

Int.letter from 'Otto'  
to I.Brown 24.4.35.

Original in... S.F. 426/France v. 7... 288b.....dated.....



1576  
PF.41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** Otto KATZ.

Margaret GOLDSMITH forwards to Otto KATZ  
a letter received from PUTNAM & CO, Publishers,  
rejecting Anna SEGHERS' book "Der Weg durch den  
Februar".

R.639.M.

**Original in** PF.43893, RADVANYI/SEGHERS. 28a **dated** 24.4.35.

C.M.S. 29.4.35.



157a  
P.F. 41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

KATZ Otto.Int. letter from Margaret Goldsmith to Katz,  
dated 20.4.35. from London.

"Your letter reached me to-day. SEGHERS book is still with Putnam where it is being thoroughly tested. As I have been a friend of the Seghers for many years, it is very important for me to do my utmost. If Putnam does not take the book, I had thought of putting it before Gollancz. What do you think?

I should have liked very much to discuss my journey to Russia with you. As you know, up to now, I have never been in Russia, and so I cannot judge what impression the country will make on me. In any case it is not a country which leaves a merely negative impression and if I am to write a book I must have absolute freedom to describe my impressions quite openly.. ..I don't know how you would feel towards such an objective book, and it is better we should be quite frank to each other. I should like to know also that if I write a book which does not please you, I can at least have it published elsewhere in English.

In any case,,it would be better for me to travel in Autumn. But the subject of Women would interest me specially; at the moment I am writing a book for an English Publisher about Revolutionary Women which might interest you. To explain my point of view, I am beginning with Charlotte Corday.....

It would perhaps be practical if you would send me a publishers agreement for the Russian book. Then we would be on a business footing.

Original in.....  
P.F. 42041 Voigt 61a. dated.....20.4.35.

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B.A.F.  
20.4.35.



P.F. 41664.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Otto KATZ.

16.4.35. We wrote to M.I.l.c. saying that Dr. Hans Wesemann is said to have approached presumably with sinister intentions - Otto KATZ.

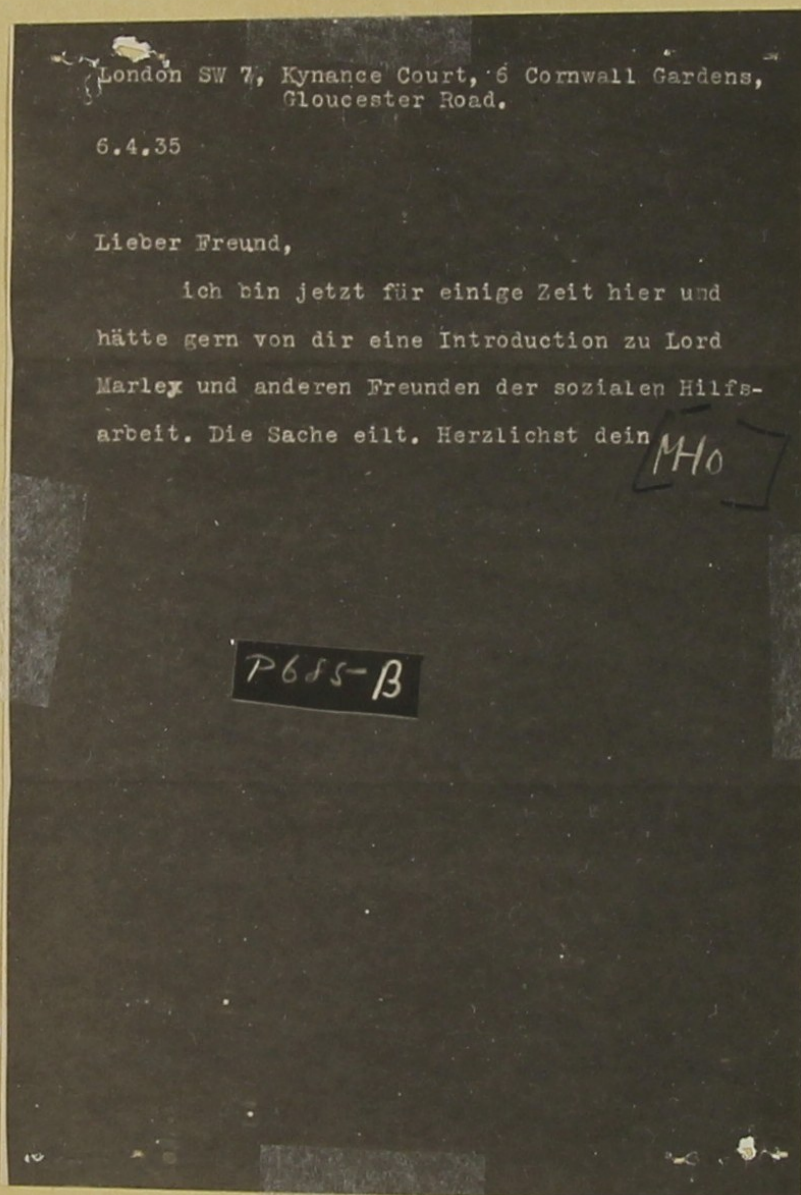
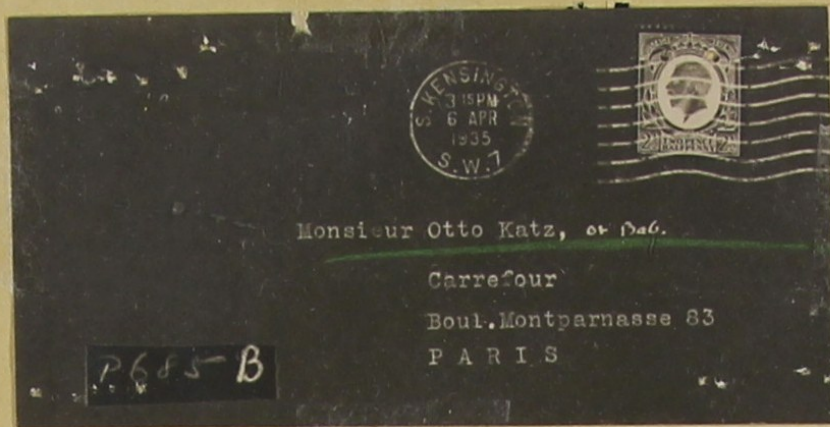
Original in.....P.F.43895....WESEMANN....vol.2.....dated.....60a.....

EH. 27.4.35.

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Route GOVT. Serial No. 5524. No. of words 12. Copied 12/3.35.

From ISABEL LONDON (Temple Bar: 5616)  
 To TF-LITRE-0079 OTTO KATZ PARIS.  
 Date 8.3.35.  
 No.

SUPPLY INFORMATION DANISH ARRESTS IMMEDIATELY  
 ADVISE ACTION.

[ISABEL.]

Sio  
 18/3/35  
 This refers to report  
 arrest of George (born American  
 + born Josephson (born American  
 suspect) in Copenhagen.  
 KLS

Original in SR 422/Denmark  
 1/5/35



S.I. Form O.6.

**EXTRACT.**Relating To Otto KATZ.Extracted from SF. 69/UK/1. vol. 3. No. 263a.Author of original S.9. (Miss Sissmore). Place and date of origin 26.2.35.Extract made by P.R. on (date) 26.2.35.Captain Booth.G.P.O.

Since my return from leave I have noticed a very marked decrease in the number of intercepts resulting from the H.O.Ws imposed by S.9. As you know, I keep statistics of the letters emanating from my checks and find that of the 36 H.O.Ws that are supposed to be in operation, 21 have produced nothing since the 1st January.

I thought perhaps it might be helpful if I took the case of each warrant in turn to see if there is any means by which we could give investigating officers a line to assist them.

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19. Otto KATZ, 10 rue Dombasle, Paris XV and c/o Editions Carrefour, 83 Boulevard Montparnasse, Paris.

The same remarks apply to this as to the check on E. BERGER at 83 Boulevard Montparnasse. (We have had no results from this check which was imposed in December but although we think the address is important we cannot say that we know that correspondence is going there from this country). Perhaps you could ascertain whether correspondence is going to the address 83 Boulevard Montparnasse addressed to other persons than BERGER or Otto KATZ, in which case I will change the warrant to "Any Name".

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S.10.

20.4 .345

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Copy kept  
with S.H.S. German Relief Cttee.

Noted for  
S.H.S.

J. Brown.  
Wood Parley.  
E. Wilkinson



COPY.

Original in S.F. 426/France. vol. 6.

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S E C R E T .

CX/1077, dated 15.1.35.  
V..

M.I.5. (Miss Sissmore)

Konrad ULRICH.

Reference your 426/France, dated 18.11.33. :

We have now heard from our Representative  
that he has been unable to obtain  
from his local authorities any information as to  
Konrad ULRICH and his relations with Otto KATZ.

(intld)

for V.V.

THIS IS A COPY  
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT RETAINED  
IN DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION  
3 (4) OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS  
ACT 1958. FEB 2003



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21/2 89  
P.F. 41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— KATZ, Otto.Intercept No. H.790.B. from Lord MARLEY to Otto KATZ, dated 22.12.34.

Writer says he has seen KAROLYI, thanks him (KATZ) for his letter and is interested to hear that he did so well in the collections in Sweden. Says it is not possible for him to come over in January, in fact in view of things, he thinks it might be unwise to do so.

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S.F. 427/1. Vol. 4. 163c.  
Original in.....dated.....  
P.K. 14.2.35.



S2a.

Is there a later  
 TI card for Otto KATZ  
 (C. 4. 39. written) than  
 8/5/34 please.

OK.

8/1

S2

There is no trace  
 since 8.5.34.

in 16.

13a

16/1.



DEPARTURE.133<sup>a</sup>Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of Disembarkation  
abroad

Boulogne

Name

KATZ OTTO

Age

39

Sex

Names and ages of dependents  
under 16 accompanying

Occupation

Banker

Nationality

Czechoslovak

Address in United Kingdom

Imperial Hotel Russell Square

I.O. Stamp No.

Port

Port of London

8.5.39

Description of passenger  
and class travelled

Other information



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CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** KATZ, Otto

Int. letter from Lord MARLEY to Otto KATZ dated 11.11.34.  
enclosed a report of an interview the writer had had with  
Dr. Hermann BLOCHER who it was stated was in London to try  
and influence public opinion in favour of the return of the  
Saar to Germany. It was stated that BLOCHER had had five  
hours with Max BRAUN and was certain he was working for the  
French. Writer suggests that the letter should be shown to  
KAROLYI and Max BRAUN but in confidence as he did not want to  
be involved in any legal case.

The above information was sent to S.I.S. on 21.12.34.

Original in List 260(7) 1a ..... dated 11.11.34.  
21.12.34.

D.W.H.  
1.1.35.

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1/472869      7655  
December 18/34

**To the**  
**Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd.**  
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LONDON AGENTS: Westminster Bank Limited.

*W. B. Doyle*

Dear Comrade,

I am really very sorry but at such short notice it is quite impossible for me to come to Paris this week-end. I know how bad this is, and how much it seems like un-willingness to co-operate. I have meetings on Friday and on Saturday, and I must be available on the telephone on Sunday in connection with work I am doing on the revelations in the U.S.A. Arms Inquiry.

I should be willing to come over in the week-end following Christmas, i.e. on Friday Dec. 28th. if that were convenient for you. But I must know as soon as possible.

Hitler Rearms hasn't sold as well as it should have done. But Lane has given it no advertising and no kind of splash. I will try to see him and work out a new scheme with him. As usual my problem is one of time. I have to get a pamphlet finished by January which will give the facts of the U.S.A. Arms Inquiry and expose the Bogus British Inquiry. As soon as that is done, I am writing another one on Japan's preparations for war and the fight for the recognition of Manchukuo.

PLEASE SEND BY ISABEL MY 6 COPIES OF THE GERMAN EDITION. I CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS HERE TO SEND THEM TO MOSCOW MYSELF. THEY ARE ALREADY OVERDUE.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Doyle*

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S.10.  
14/12/34

*W. H. B.*

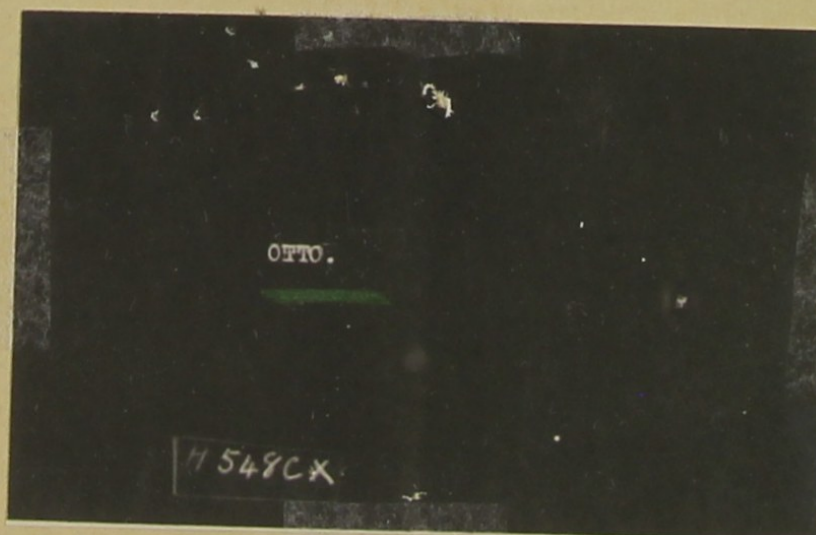
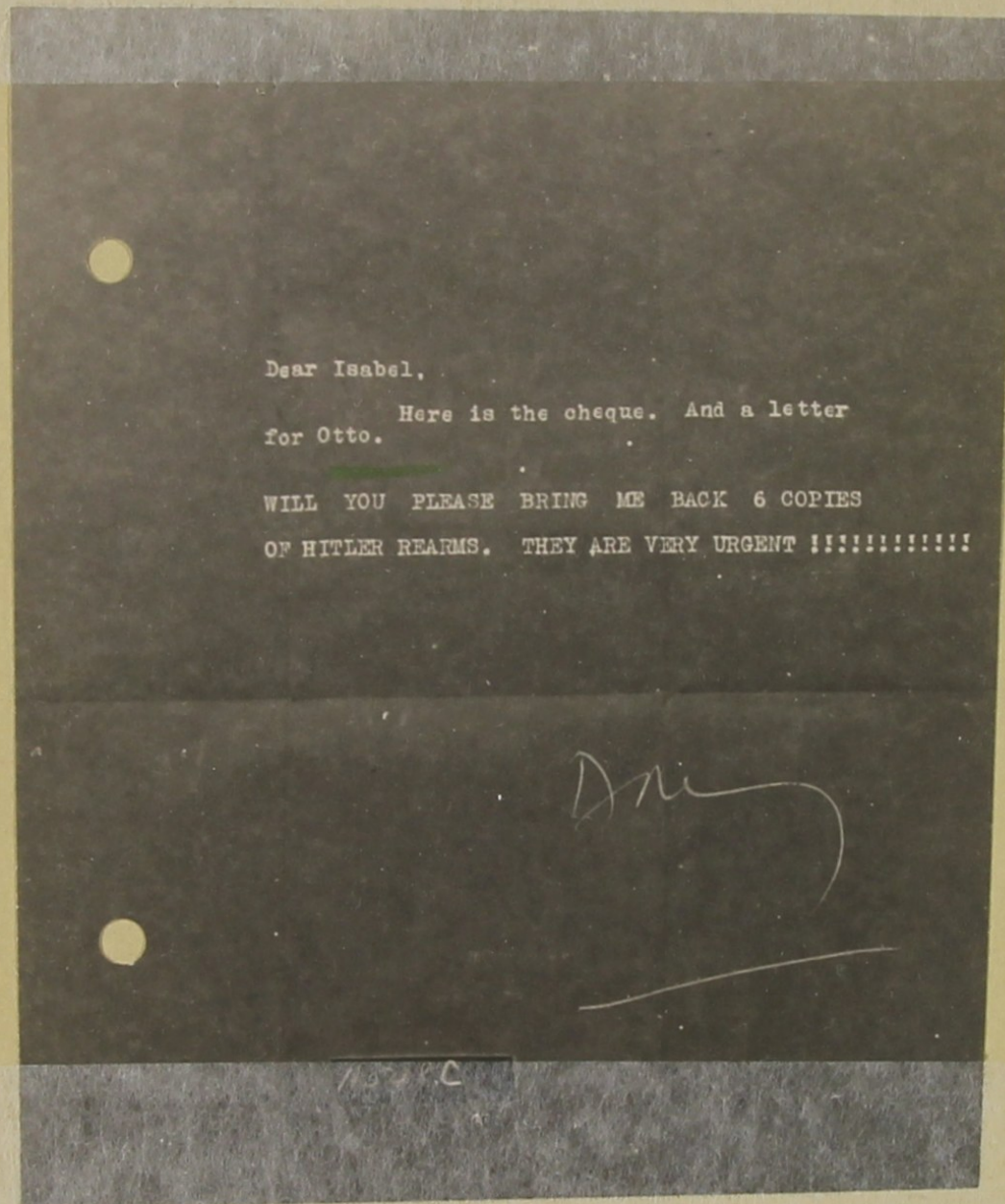
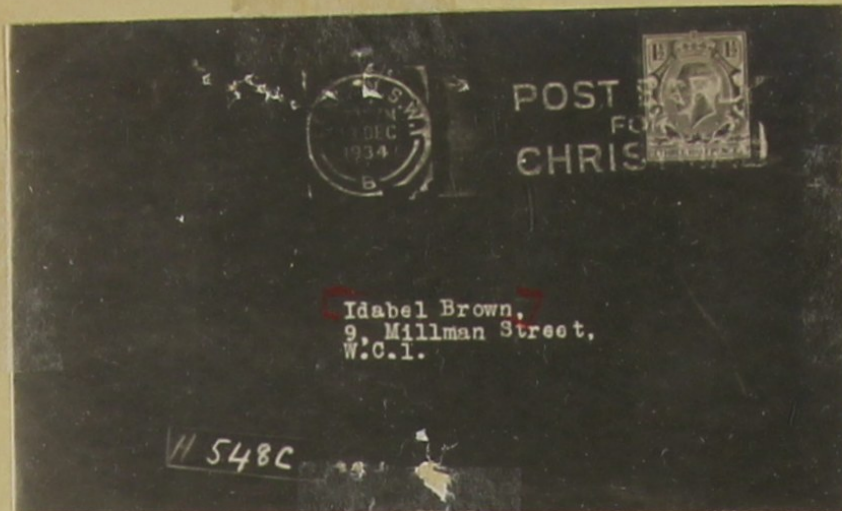
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SECRET.How 5345  
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PF.41664/DS9.

December 1934.

To THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, and all others whom it may concern,

I hereby authorize and require you to detain, open and produce for my inspection all postal packets and telegrams addressed to :—

Otto KATZ,  
10 rue Dombasle,  
Paris XVIe,

and c/o Editions Carrefour,  
88 Boulevard Montparnasse,  
Paris. make card

or to any name at that or any other address if there is reasonable ground to believe that they are intended for the said

Otto KATZ,

and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

*One of His Majesty's  
Principal Secretaries of State.*

This man is a close collaborator of the well known Comintern agent Willi MUNZENBERG in connection with Communist and United Front activity in this country. Useful information has been obtained and it is desired to maintain the check.

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and  
7/1/35



S.I. Form O.6.

249/33291 W3114A/4499 (4m) 4/28 R. & L. Gp.121. J.1218  
P.F. 41664.

## EXTRACT.

Relating To KATZ, Otto.

Extracted from P.F. 43457. LISTOWEL. Identity envelope No. 22.11.34.  
 Author of original Int. letter G252M. Place and date of origin 28.11.34.  
 Extract made by P.K. on (date) 28.11.34.

36, Onslow Gardens,  
S.W. 7.

Dear Otto,

Sodry about Geneva, but my wife is in such a state of  
 nerves, that its impossible for me to leave her at the moment.

.....  
 ..... If you pass through London on yourway to Stockholm,  
 don't forget about me, under my roof you shall find food and  
 lodging whenever you want them.

Yours,

B.



*Spare at back.*148a-  
24.11.1934

oute Govt. Serial No. 1087 No. of words 13 Copied by A.L

From LISTANEL LONDON (KENSINGTON S)

To KATZ 10 RUE DOMBASLE PARIS

Date 22ND NOVEMBER 1934 12.54 PM

No. ....

*PR 41662*

GENEVA IMPOSSIBLE SIX COPIES URGENT VICTORIA STREET

*owl*  
[ LISTANEL ]*PF43457.*

THIS ADDRESS AT PARIS HAS BEEN USED BY GELLMANN (ANTPEWCO)  
 VICTORIA STREET MAY BE THE OFFICES OF THE PAPER "WEEK".

\*  
Note: Telegraphic address for 1 Litchfield Street, London, W.C.

1) *Sw.*  
 2) PA.

*Phy**27/XI/34*



Spare at back.

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Route GOVT.

Serial No. 12.

No. of words 12.

Copied by  
22.11.34.

PF43457.

From LISTOWEL VICTORIA LONDON.To KATZ 10 RUE DOMBASLE PARIS.Date 20.11.34.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

PP 41664.

AIR SERVICE STOPPED ARRIVING MADISON FOUR.

LISTOWEL.

1) ~~Sto.~~ 24.11.34

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23.11.34.



P.F. 41664 KATZ.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:**— Otto KATZ.

Photostat No. G 183 K.

20.11.34. - "Christopher" (ISHERWOOD), 65 Glassensgade,  
Copenhagen, wrote to John LEHMANN, Field Head, Bourne End,  
Bucks.

In this letter ISHERWOOD says: "How was KATZ? I  
hear that he and Gerald (i.e. HAMILTON) had some sort of  
row? Did he tell you about it?"

Original in..... P.F. 41490 LEHMANN V.2, 80a. ....dated..... 20.11.34.

J.P.L.  
3.12.34.

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P.F. 41664. KATZCROSS-REFERENCE.**Subject:—** KATZ. OttoLetter to S.I.S. re Konrad ULRICH, dated 18.11.33.

In this letter re Konrad ULRICH it is mentioned that it would be of considerable interest to find out exactly what relation this man, as member for Czechoslovakia on the secretariat of the Anti-War-Anti-Fascist World Committee, may have with Otto KATZ.

**Original in**.....S.F. 426/France. v.3. 113a. **dated**.....18.11.33. ....

E.S. 15.1.35.



Route GOVT.

Serial No. 59012.

No. of words 13.

Copied by  
13.11.34.

From KATZ 206A GREEN LANE LONDON.

To KATZ 1 CITE PARADIS PARIS.

Date 9.11.34.

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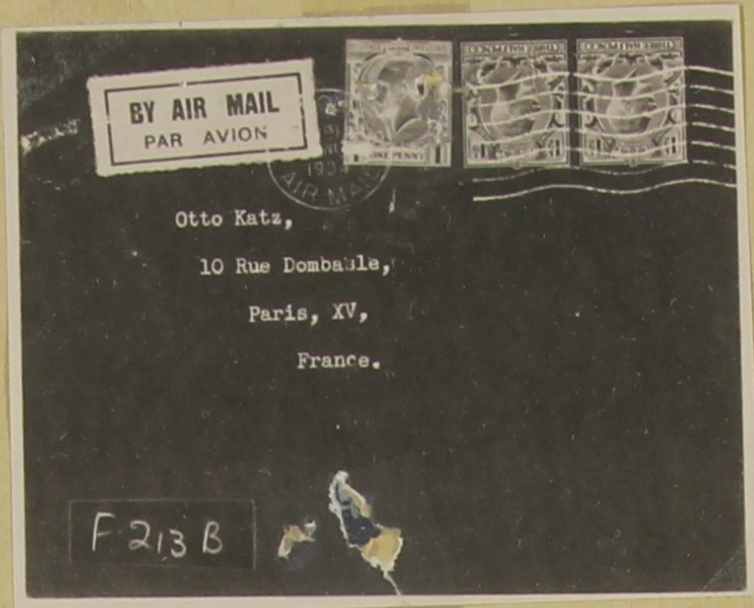
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KATZ.

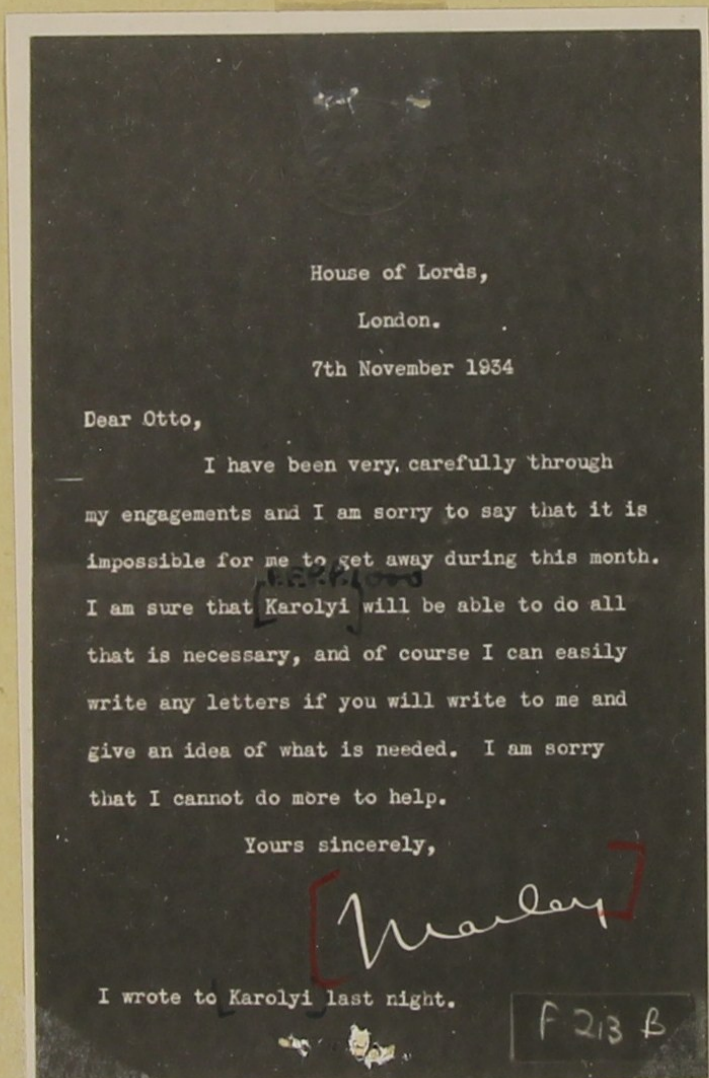
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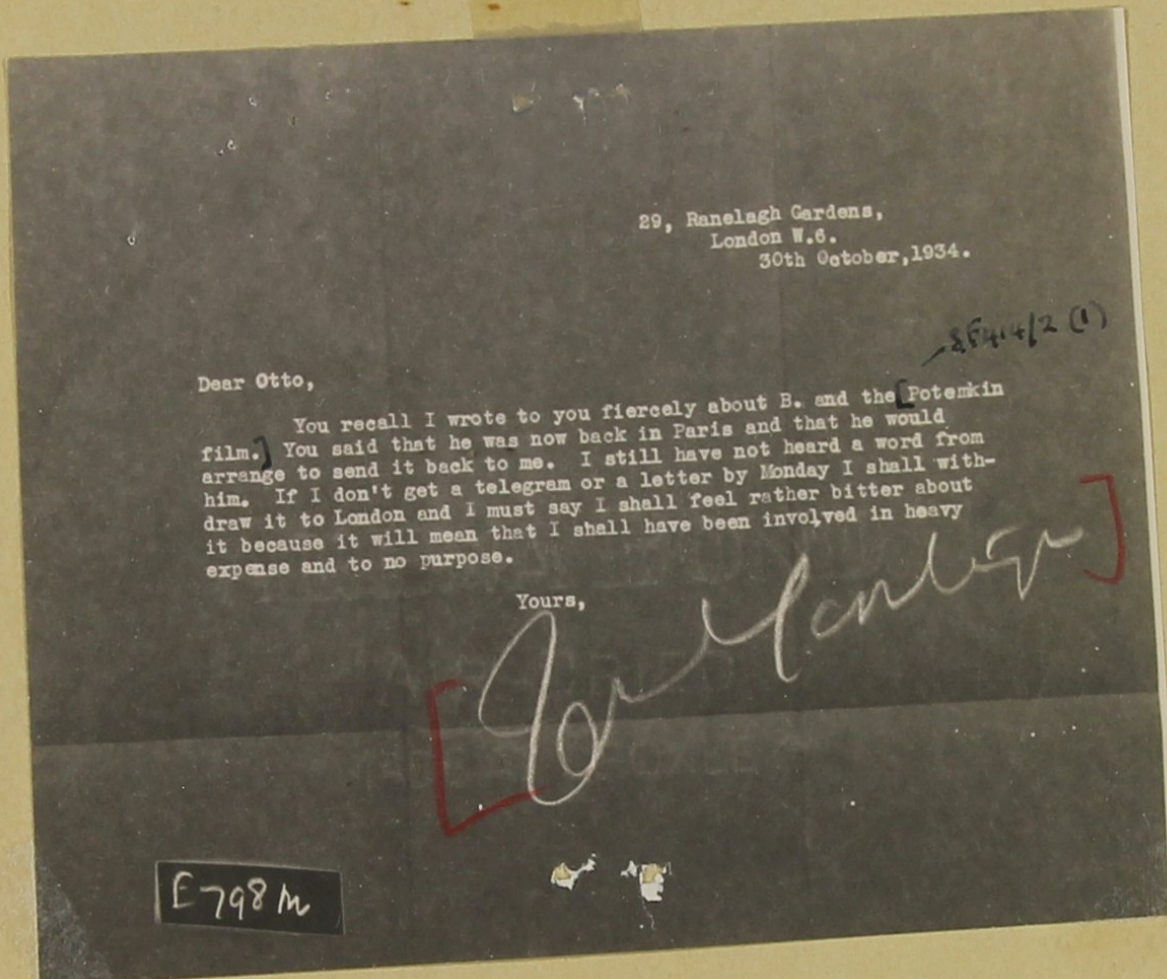
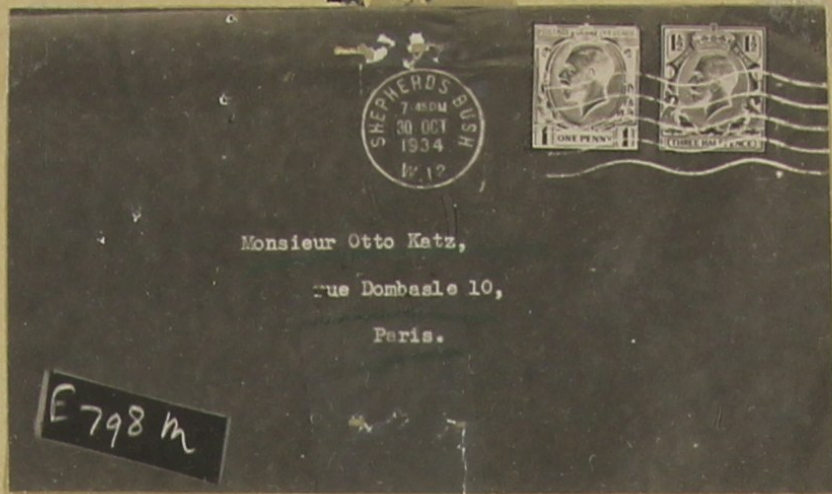


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23rd October 1934.

re Otto KATZ.

I made discreet enquiries at the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, and ascertained that the telegram from above man was received on 29th September and it was assumed that accommodation was desired for the following day, Sunday 30th ult. and tentative arrangements were made to reserve a double room for that date, but owing to such short notice it was uncertain whether this could be managed. There is no record at the hotel of anyone named Otto KATZ staying there and it is possible that if KATZ called there on Sunday he would be told that no room was available.

On the other hand it may be that KATZ was reserving the room for other persons in which case the hotel register would be signed by such visitors and KATZ's connection would not be recorded.

Following are names of aliens occupying double rooms who arrived on Sunday, 30th September.

SCHAAP, Helene and Joel. Dutch. Arrived from 86 Hoordemde, The Hague. Still there.

RICHTER, Arma and Moritz. Germans. Arrived from Victoria Hotel, Amsterdam. Still there.

JAHN, Franz and Emile. Austrians. Arrived from Leopoldstrasse 34, Munich. Left 7th inst. for same address.

HEYMAN, Josef and Luise. Germans. Arrived from Cologne, departed 4.10.34 for same place.

KERN, Ethel and James. American. Arrived from New York. Still there.

KNUDSEN, Ellen and Martin. Danish. Arrived from Copenhagen. Left 6.10.34.

<u>BERTHE</u> , Karfid. French.	}	Still there. Arrival address unreadable.
<u>LANES</u> , Amahi. German.		



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LARSEN, Aster.

KORNBECK (or KORWBECK), Helga. Danish. Arrived from  
35 Stockholmsgade, Stockholm. Still there.

LAPAS, George.

Lapas, Nils. Greek. Arrived from ? Pension  
Schenigslake, Berlin. Left 7.10.34 for Rochester Hotel, Paris.

S.11.

H.H.